

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-01-05

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 13, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 14, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2005

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM849 in Unit 22(B), west of the Darby Mountains at 11:59 p.m. on January 14, 2005. (*Note: this area is identified as the remainder of Unit 22 in the Regulation Section.*) On Jan. 13 the reported harvest was 5 bulls, and due to the 3 day reporting period it is possible additional harvest has occurred. To prevent harvest above the established harvest quota the season will be closed.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the remainder of Unit 22(B).

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
...		
Remainder of Unit 22(B)		

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull by
registration permit only; or
1 bull by registration permit
only; during the period
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, a season may be
announced by emergency order

Aug. 10 - Sept. 13

Jan. 1 - Jan. 14

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Wayne Regelin
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to: Kate Persons
Kate Persons
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in western Unit 22B has declined by 64% since 1987, and recruitment rates have been below 10% for over 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22B and the department set a harvest quota of 30 bulls. The winter portion of the registration permit hunt opened Jan. 1 with a harvest quota of 7 bulls. On Jan. 13 the reported harvest was 5 bulls, and due to the 3-day reporting period it is possible that additional harvest has occurred. To prevent harvest above the established harvest quota, the season will be closed.